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pointed for the election of a Nominating Committee, primes them well with maddening liquor, and marches them to the place designated for the Primary Meeting, prepared to knock down and drag out all who dare stand in his way. Of course he wins, unless some other aspirant or jobber has made more extensive and perfect arrangements—and it matters not the loss of a copper which of them wins, though the probability is always on the side of the greatest scoundrel. He who is most lavish in corruption and most reckless in his operations has every advantage. Thus two rival sets of candidates are ground out of the villainous old mill ticketed "Regular" "nations," and the People have just the choice of electing one set or the other. Until they are extricated from this dilemma, Municipal Reform will be but an empty name.

The men, be it ever remembered, who are thus made candidates, are not necessarily scoundrels. Some of them might originally have been trusted to circulate a contribution-box at a charitable meeting. But the original sin involved in their nomination nevermore less them up. How can one of these refuse licenses to the grog shop, however readily conducted, from which his "voters" were drawn for the eventful Primary Meeting? How can he regard sternly the gaming-houses and brothels which did their utmost both to nominate and to elect him? To do so would be to blend integrity with the scoundrel. For instance: A Methodist friend met and congratulated a good brother whom he knew as a fervent exhorter at conferences, &c., on his election as an Alderman of our City. "I hope you can do some thing for Temperance, Morality, &c., in the Ward," suggested the unsophisticated congratulator. "Why," replied the new-fledged dignitary, "the Temperance men did nothing for me." That, to his mind, was reason enough for doing nothing for Temperance. He must stick by those who had stuck by him. And so we go on, seeing men who pray for the coming of God's kingdom and vote for that of the devil's every day of their official lives. The votes go straight to their mark, while the prayers never get above the windows of the grogshops which these Aldermen see blinding and daring every Sunday evening, though they know it is their express duty, or that of their dependent Police, to keep them closed through each first day of the week.

But it is useless to probe further this mystery of inquiry. The defection of the Reform Committee has probably sold us out for the current year, beyond the reach of effective recovery. Disorganized and distracted, the earnest advocates of Municipal Reform are given over to defeat and the City to rapacity during the ensuing year. We believe, however, that a distinctive Reform Ticket should be put up in each Ward, composed of candidates above the suspicion of self-seeking, nominated in no grogshop and repelling all ready support. For candidates so represented, we will heartily work and cheerfully face defeat; but not for those who may be nominated in the old way, however personally unobjectionable. And if the government of our City is to go on in the beaten track, we trust that it will never again fall into the hands of our Political associates. We can live under the rule of Tweeds and Corbells, but not of Sturtevents. If gambling is to enjoy the impunity now accorded to it in our City, in spite of explicit laws, let the Chief of Police be ever more a Marshall, and not any one who shames the once respectable designation of Whig. If Hardisty must flaunt his paucy robes in unbecoming and increasing myriads in our most fashionable thoroughfares, let him lead to destruction and liberate to deeper debauchery—let him and his kind be ruled by our rulers, when they make and unmake at a breath—if Murderers are to maintain the average of the last year, and every day's Police Reports reveal unnumbered depots of ruffianism, of depravity and crime—leave us at least the consolation of knowing that we are not even paralytically responsible, and that the rulers who wink at these inequities are as far removed from us as possible in his isolation and in sympathy.

CITY POLITICS.
Our readers already know that we consider Municipal Reform the only object worthy of regard in our approaching Municipal Election, and that we feel that the cause of City Reform has been betrayed by the bold iniquity of some and the feeble pusillanimity of others of its chosen guardians in the City Reform General Committee. The case, as we understand it, stands thus:

The Municipal Administration of our City, never within our knowledge of it remarkably efficient or pure, has for a few years past grown so rapidly and signally corrupt as to virtually compel a united and resolute effort for its renovation. Among the intelligent men of our non-stenial citizens, there is absolutely no difference of opinion on this point. Our Taxes have steadily and swiftly increased with each recurring assessment, until they are now so enormous that only a remarkable degree of common active enables us to bear them, and a great pestilence, a blockade of our port, or any other of the public calamities whereunto an emporium is liable, would inevitably whelm us into the gulph of municipal bankruptcy. Now we do not shrink from taxation where it is counterbalanced by value received, as in the case of our Common Schools, Croton Water, &c., but a tax of fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars per dwelling on the basis of a great metropolis for the support of a Government which notoriously does not prevent crime, repress immorality, nor protect property and life, is hard to bear. Our own share in these burthens is relatively trifling; yet we shall pay our taxes this year with a grudging bitterness we never before felt—not mainly because the amount is exorbitant, but because the consideration is not rendered.

These facts are generally known, these feelings almost universally entertained, by our reflecting citizens; and they have given the impulse to an earnest and commanding movement for City Reform. The main-spring of this movement is a fixed resolve to banish party politics from our Municipal affairs, and act together for Reform until that shall have been fully secured. The man who professes to favor the City Reform movement, yet proposes to vote to fill Municipal offices with candidates of whose integrity and capacity he has no assurance, because they are heralded as "Regular Whig" or "Regular Democratic" nominees, is either a purblind party bigot, a knave, or a fool.

We have taken the first step in the practical work of Reform, with the most triumphant success. Over Thirty-six Thousand, out of less than Forty Thousand who voted at the June Special Election, left their business or their pleasure expressly to record their emphatic affirmation of an existing and urgent necessity for Municipal Reform. And this Thirty-six Thousand were not raked from the gutters nor rallied from grogshops, bowling alleys and darker dens of our City, but were the most intelligent, capable and thoroughly respectable body of citizens who ever stood shoulder to shoulder in any contest in our own or any other American city.

These men represent something. They did not muster at the polls for party's sake, nor with any idea of increasing their personal consequence by voting. They were mainly proud of at least ordinary sagacity, and did not expect to root out Corruption by merely voting a few Amendments to the Charter. They valued these Amendments as partial safeguards against abuse and peculation, but they never considered that merely resolving that Corruption shall cease will suffice to end it. They welcomed the Amendments as means to ends, but they knew that very much more was to be done before these ends could be secured. They expected to go on with the work they thus inaugurated, by electing honest men to execute what they thus decreed. They expected in Municipal matters to act together until the work should be complete.

But in the City Reform General Committee there unfortunately happened to be a few men who had partisan orthodoxy to uphold, partisan aspirations to gratify, and partisan position to maintain. One was wished to be a Judge; another a Legislator; a third a County Officer, and so on, and each said to himself, "If I defy the swindling party machinery whereby Aldermen are grounded out, will it not take its revenge upon me in the nominations for Congress, Judgeships, Senatorships, &c., &c.?" Most certainly! And thus corrupted by their own selfish aspirations, these office-seekers did not resign their places on the Reform Committee, but they should have done, but bullied that Committee into a substantial defence to their shonous aspirations. The Committee has resolved not to initiate the original nomination of Municipal candidates devoted to Reform, but to await the usual party nominations, and then vote only against such as may be deemed decidedly objectionable. Of course, this is a virtual surrender of the whole contest, as the result will prove.

For it is not, Messrs. dilatory Reformers, we beg you to comprehend, so much the men elected to important Municipal stations who have perverted the machinery of Government as the partisan machinery which has corrupted the men. The fatal vice inheres in our established system of making and sustaining party nominations. Who usually nominate the candidates for Aldermen presented as "Whig" or "Democratic" in our subsequent elections? Notoriously not the whig, upright merchant, the diligent, God-fearing mechanic, the educated, law-abiding, church-going laborer, but a pishal mob of rum-crazed rowdies and ruffians, swept together from the haunts of vice and dissipation not merely of the particular Ward for which the nomination is made,